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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks:

It seems to me I have been lost in YD Finances for a long time, and I see no end. Last Sunday Nov. 16th, the Nat. Ex-Com. in session at New Haven discussed Finances as the principal business of the day. It was a very good turnout and I was pleased at the almost unanimous sentiment in favor of increasing our Nat'l Dues. I have not rushed this matter, I felt that first, everyone should understand our predicament, then they would take action. In the July-Aug. issue of Doings I discussed our income from Dues as compared to cost from 1940 to date. In the Sept.-Oct. Doings, I discussed the 100% increase in expenses, as compared to the 100% reduction in the value of the dollar we receive for these expenses, (please read the "Nat. Com. Message" for those months if you have not done so) plus my views on why I think we should "Keep It Alive".

The sentiments you expressed in New Haven were very gratifying. They prove, the time I spent in obtaining these figures for you, was not wasted. However, I think you were a little too anxious to raise the dues, without knowing "how much", so I suggested you wait until our next meeting on Dec. 21 (See your National Ex-committeeman or Chapter Commander for time and place) so that we may notify all concerned of our intention to take action on this subject. Be forewarned Gentlemen, we intend to take action on this subject at the next meeting of the National Ex-Commanders. That is the time and place to express yourselves on this matter.

Now I would like to continue to develop the Financial Picture for you. In spite of my efforts to cut down expenses, it appears we will *not* be able to finish this fiscal year without some red ink. I will not give you our anticipated expenses, over anticipated income, at this time, because I believe those figures should not be available to general public, such as they may be in a magazine.

Here is the present cost picture per member per Item.

Item	*Cost per member*
YANKEE DOINGS	$1.32
SALARIES	$1.56
RENT	24c
MISCELLANEOUS	24c
Total cost to operate	$3.36 per member

Items not included in these Figures—Travel Expense National Commander, National Secretary

The gain in economies, such as: Doings every other month, smaller type, etc., were offset by a drop in membership, which means increased cost per member. The total cost per member is a variable which increases as the membership drops or vice versa. If we knew where the membership would settle we could arrive at a definite figure and thus raise the dues. However I think these

figures are based on a sound basis, and I do not look for any red ink at $3.50, now, or at any time in the foreseeable future. Now if I am wrong, and red ink shows up again, the next step is a drastic cut in expenses, in the only place we can do it. The Secretary's salary. I don't like to say this but we must keep our feet on the ground. We must keep YDVA Alive, bread without butter is better than none at all. And this figure of $3.50, gentlemen is based on six Doings a year, eleven would cost $4.46 per member. Now I can picture a day in the future, as my comrades become fewer, when I will be glad to pay $5.00 as a member-at-large, because there may not be a chapter in my area, but there will be one in Boston for a long, long time. World War II will take care of that, I am convinced. Dues for 1952 are paid until June 30, 1953, we can't change that, but if we made dues "Payable" on April 1st for '53-'54 we would have a cushion to finish the fiscal year in case of emergencies, or build up working capital for the new Commander before the Vacation period of July and Aug. is upon us.

This next meeting will be an interesting one I am sure, don't miss it. You will hear some members say, "If you raise the dues, you will lose members." I say we are losing members each year. An organization is founded on the "interest" of its members. At the age of WW-I members, it is not surprising to find some losing "interest".

Are we to let the organization die because of this? Do we, who are "interested", want Yankee Doings? I say yes! And let those who are not "interested" enough to pay their dues, stay home in comfort. You will hear some say "We will quit the National organization, and run our own chapter". I say! let them quit. And if anyone was ever so rash, they would lose their organization to "Members-at-Large" in jig time. Doings is the "Life Blood" of YDVA and let no one think "their organization" would be satisfied with purely "Local News". You will hear some say, "My chapter just raised our dues, and we can't raise them again". I say! If your little chapter had to raise your dues, it must be, an admission on your part, that it cost more to operate, and you don't have to print an expensive magazine, pay a National Secretary, etc.

If your chapter is having financial trouble, you "must" realize that the National Organization's troubles are compounded by its responsibilities to you. Many Chapters have run several conventions and made $5,000.00—some more, some less. Some have nice fat treasuries because of this. If it were not for National, you would not have had a convention, you would not have an organization, you would not have Doings. Stop thinking in local terms, and let's get together to "Keep It Alive".

This YDVA started in Boston in 1921 and for some years they went along by themselves carrying the ball unknown to some of us. When we "outlanders" found out about this, we were happy to join, and we have enjoyed many a fine evening, and made many friends among the finest people in the world "YD". All this for two measly dollars a year. The reason you could have all this for two dollars a year, is because YD men were young enough to work at "other activities" to raise enough funds to pay the difference between two dollars and the "actual" cost to operate. Now Father time has taken his toll, the boys would like to relax. No more "other activities", plus, our American dollar is only worth 50c in purchasing power. Someday YDVA is going back to Boston to stay. If you don't want to see that day, then join with us in doing whatever is necessary to guarantee—that in the future Yankee Doings will continue to arrive. That you may continue to read about your friends in YD "everywhere."

Write to "Doings" sometime. Imagine that Doings is an old friend, and write a nice long letter, and let us enjoy reading about you. We would love it. Some of you fellows reading this have known us a long time, you enjoy reading about us at your fireside. I can see the happy, contented smile as you read, why don't you let your mind wander, perhaps to Sartes, or Liffol Le Grand, or Neuf Chateau, or chemin des Dames or was it Paris or Meaux or La Ferte where you had that big laugh. Write to Yankee Doings and tell us about it, so that we may laugh with you, and sign your name, that we may enjoy it still more. And when you run into a YD man, remind him of our wonderful organization.

While browsing through some old Yankee Doings recently, I ran into some fine letters from individual YD boys here and there, some of them from George W Twombly, P.N.P. who wrote "The Italian Special" in the last issue of Doings. One of them from Eric A. Erickson (L Co 102 Inf) when he visited Finland in 1929. Some fine letters from "Ted" Noyes, one particularly when he was wandering around a Cemetery at Surenes, France on Memorial Day, 1929. Among several unknown headstones reading, Here rests in honored glory an American Soldier known but to God. I found Edward H. Phillips, Capt., 104th Inf., July 21, 1918.

These few words rolled the years back to 1927 when I visited a Cemetery in front of our old positions at Belleau woods, while wandering among the old "wooden" crosses of that day I found—Chamberlain Blake, Martini, Lt. Fields, all of A Co, 103rd M. G. Bn. I took some pictures of the crosses, and the names appeared just as clear on the finished print. What memories, "something vital" that no YD man can escape, grips me, when I see these things. I think the French called it "Esprit de corps". That's YDVA, and that spirit will never die while one of them live.

Joseph L. (Pete) Bourget,
National Commander

P. S. You still have time to come to France with us in May.

IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID — THIS IS THE LAST DOINGS

Yankee Division Veterans Association National Executive Committee Meeting New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16, 1952

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD VETERANS' ASSOCIATION was held on Sunday, November 16, 1952 at the New Haven Chapter Headquarters, State and Chapel Sts., New Haven, Conn.

The meeting was called to order by National Commander Bourget at 3:20 p. m., with the following present: National Commander, National Secretary, National Sgt-at-Arms.

Past National Commanders Herman, Sullivan, McCormack.

Committeemen at large: Amastae, Titus, O'Connor, Anderson.

Dept. Commander's, Caravatt, Fallon.

Chapter Commander's, Lincoln, Erickson, Justinovich.

Asst. Service Officer, Farquhar.

Crokan, Flesher and members of New Haven Chapter.

The National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted Treasurer's report was read by National Secretary. Accepted.

Ways & Means Committee—Chairman Amastae reported that YD stamps will be sent out within the next week or ten days. John Rogan will act as Asst. to the Chairman in his absence.

History Committee—National Secretary reported that most of the data on the history has been received and a very little to be written will be in the hands of the Printer very shortly. Accepted as one of progress.

Key Rings Committee—Checks have been made out to all who contributed to the Key rings in Portsmouth and will be sent out immediately.

Good and Welfare—Report on Convention: Secretary Lindgren reported for the Chairman: Stated that a lot of work had been done on the Convention. Several Committees have met. Progress has been very good. Chairman of Registration is Al Lindgren: Program—Popolozio. Some of the events will be a Barbecue, Drum Corps Competition, Parade, Military Ball and other events.

Discussion was had on services of Past National President General Charles H. Cole, whose funeral service was being held this afternoon in Boston. Stated that a good representation from the Association would be present.

National Commander Bourget spoke on change of fiscal year. July 1st is a very poor time to start the new year. Asked if dues could be made due and payable April 1st instead of July 1st and leave the fiscal year the same.

Al Lindgren spoke on a Resolution that the New Haven Chapter had made but never presented to National, which would change the fiscal year to April 1st. PNC Sullivan spoke against change. Farquhar against. PNC McCormack for change. C. Anderson for change. No action was taken.

National Commander instructed Secretary to send letter to Publishing Committee, asking them to get together on or before the next meeting and have a report at that meeting. Appointed H. Poirier as Chairman.

Discussion was had on raising Dues: National Secretary spoke for: Caravatt for; New York Chapter Secretary, against. Cooper of New Haven for; PNC Sullivan for: Tarleton of Haverhill against. Referred to new business.

A motion was made by Poirier, Seconded by Porter and Passed that dues are payable on or after April 1st of each year but fiscal year not be changed. Due cards to be sent to all Chapters in January.

A Motion was made by Farquahar, Seconded by McCormack that a Meritorious Certificate be given Orvin R. Connolly, Manager of the Woodstock Hotel, New York City to be ready February 21st. Motion Passed.

A motion was made, by Sullivan, Seconded by Shabbott that this body go on record at this meeting for a raise of dues and the next National Executive Committee be notified on the notice of the next meeting of a final decision and how much. Motion Passed.

A Motion was made by Farquhar, that dues be raised from $2.50 to $3.00. Motion to lay it on the table was made and carried.

A Motion made and seconded that a letter of condolence be sent to next of kin of Past National President Cole. Passed.

National Commander Bourget requested the Sgt-at-Arms to escort the representatives of the National Auxiliary to the platform: National President Helen Rea and National Secretary Minnie Gilliam were escorted.

National President Rea suggested that the National Association adopt a flower and proclaim a day for YD. The Auxiliary would be glad to assist and thinks that every Chapter could make at least $200.00. Suggests a Daisy as the flower. Auxiliary would take 10% and do most of the work.

President Rea also spoke on the Resolution which should have been presented to the Convention at Gloucester. This resolution would allow those members of the Auxiliary who were members previous to 1951 to be allowed to stay in the Chapters whether their sponsors were paid up members or not.

After the representatives of the Auxilary left the room there was much discussion on the Resolution pro and con.

A Motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Poirier that the resolution of the Ladies Auxiliary be laid on the Table until the next meeting. Passed. Also the question of the flower.

Michael P. O'Connor spoke on a Chapel which is being sponsored by Veterans of Western Mass., at the Veterans' Hospital at Leeds, Mass. There is great need for one and bricks are now being sold for $1.00 each.

Meeting adjourned at 6.40 p. m.

National Secretary

Letter From Gardiner H. Hall, PDC

At this time of the Year I think a great deal about the YDVA and the many fine Friends I have made through the past 16 years. I think too of those friends who have passed on to the great reward that is theirs in the great beyond. As we look back over the years, are we not fortunate, yes, privileged and Honored to have served our Country in time of War and no less we should be Honored to serve this Great Nation in time of Peace such as it is. The present Danger that exists to all of us should not be shrugged off as just another emergency. It does exist and it calls for Unity of the Highest Order among all peoples, more especially among Veterans such as our own YD.

We have grown older and with time we have mellowed and matured. Isn't it high time we cast aside any differences of opinion that would cut our beloved YD to ribbons. None of us I dare say want anything but the most loyal support of one another in our combined efforts to keep YD rolling and moving forward. Isn't this a time that we as individuals must in heart and soul re-dedicate ourselves to the high purpose for which we were founded and for which we still stand and strive. Isn't this the time to remember our loved ones and our comrades who sleep the eternal sleep. Yes let's each of us pray to our God for the safe keeping of those souls and for those who still live on in this troubled world. Let's too make one resolve to keep the Colors of Old Glory flying at the Mast head. Take a good long look at the Flag the next time you pass it by. Doesn't it give you a sense of pride, a sense of deep humility. There are no slackers in YD and YD NEVER turned down a Challenge no matter what it was.

The Big Challenge today is to Keep Alive and build for the Future the Great Heritage which is ours as a Combat Organization. We cannot afford to let this Heritage slip further. We shall stop it in its Track and Push on to a greater Day in the not too distant future. May I take this last opportunity before Christmas and the New Year to Thank all you YD men who have cooperated with me and been my friends over the years, may I thank all of you "Brass Hats" for your Courtesy at all times and may I thank those Great Guys the boys who Rate that PDC Moniker for your cooperation. All in all, where is there a Greater bunch of fellows than those who wear proudly the YD. To all, May you have a Fine Holiday and last but not least, Take a Minute off to Pray for all our YD Comrades who won't be with us. Best Wishes to all.

Gardiner H. Hall, PDC

NEWS OF CONVENTION

Mr. H. Guy Watts
Secretary, YD Veterans' Association
200 Huntington Ave.
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I am trying to complete my plans as much as possible in connection with the National Convention to be held in New Haven, 1953. The dates are June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Plans are now in progress and, although are almost certain, are not final. These are the highlights:

Big military display on the New Haven Central Green, along with a concert by the U. S. Air Force Band, of 120 men stationed at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

Friday evening: Annual ball to be held at the Goffe Street Armory, free to all delegates and alternates, but admission charge to others.

Saturday morning: Drum Corps contest and any other contests.

Saturday, 2:00 P. M.: Annual Convention parade. This will wind up at a park where a sheep-bake will be held with plenty to eat and drink for all delegates, alternates and their families.

Saturday night: Reunion of various units.

Sunday morning: Memorial services.

This is a tentative set-up and subject to change.

The following dignitaries have signified their intentions as Honorary Chairmen: John Lodge, Governor of Connecticut; Frederick Reincke, the Adjutant General of Connecticut, William C. Celentano, Mayor New Haven, Lt. Gen. William S. Paul, U. S. Army, Ret.

Sincerely yours,
A. R. Teta,
General Chairman

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Joseph L. Bourget, R.F.D. No. 1, Saylesville, R. I.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander Edwin Streeter, 17 Bartholomew Terrace, Peabody
Secretary Ed Trudell, 67 Howard Street, Lynn, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The October meeting of the State Department of Massachusetts was held on Sunday, October 5, 1952 at Haverhill, Mass., with Commander Streeter presiding.

20 members present from 8 Chapters.

Officers present were the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Sgt.-at-Arms.

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Membership of 868 reported to date for Massachusetts in the YDVA.

Minutes of the September meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of $41.48.

Comrade Roy Reimer reported on visits made by him to the Boston Hospitals.

SVC Nute had no report.

Reported that Comrade Al Lareau and Frank Connolly passed away.

PC Emil Thibault Chairman of the State Dept. By-Laws Committee read some of the proposed changes in the National By-Laws he is to offer to the National Committee.

PC Varnam of Lynn reported that the cost of the Pilgrimage to France had been reduced to $515.00 and the time for registrations had been extended until October 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made and seconded that the Massachusetts State Department, the lack of foresight on the part of the National Commander in calling a National Executive Committee meeting on the Same Date as the regular meeting of the State Dept. of Mass.—Motion Passed.

Motion made and seconded that the Massachusetts State Department of YDVA is opposed to cuts in the Veterans Administration. Motion amended that the National Executive Committee in session at Boston be notified of the action so taken.—Passed Unanimously.

GOOD OF THE YDVA

November meeting to be held at Beverly at the American Legion Home, Monument Square. December meeting at Salem. January meeting at Worcester. February meeting at Fitchburg.

Under the good of the YD it was recommended to the Commander that he write a six months resume of his activities and send to Yankee Doings for publication in the next issue. (Under the order of the meeting Commander Streeter reverted to new business and this recommendation was passed unanimously.)

Ed Streeter, *Commander* Ed Trudell, *Adjutant*

STATE DEPARTMENT YDVA MEETING HELD AT BEVERLY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1952

Meeting was opened in form with Commander Streeter presiding.

Officers present: Commander Streeter, Senior Vice Commander Nute, Treasurer Elliott, Secretary Ed Trudell, Sgt.-at-Arms Sheldon Goodwin, Chaplain Roy Reimer, Judge Advocate Emil Thibault.

There were members present from the following Chapters: Boston, Beverly, Gloucester, Haverhill, Lynn, Salem and Worcester.

Minutes of the October State Dept. Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of $43.68. Expenses $6.00 for postals and 45c to the Secretary for telephone call from Haverhill to Boston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Comrade Nute reported on service. Commander Streeter spoke on membership. Secretary Trudell read report of State membership to date. Total membership cards received by State Dept. 952 as of this date.

Commander Streeter reported on his attendance at the Battery F reunion held in Beverly—60 YD men present, over half who were members of the YDVA.

There was a general discussion by the members present on ways and means of increasing the membership in the association which is a way off this year.

Chaplain Roy Reimer reported on visits he had made to the Chelsea Soldiers' Home. Expected to visit Northampton Hospital on Sunday, November 9th. Commander reported on a visit he made to the Danvers State Hospital to visit Warren Barrows who is a patient there.

PC Emil Thibault read more proposed changes to be offered by the State Dept. to the National By-Laws Committee. Comrade Thibault also reported on bill for Quarters for YD Chapters that is to be presented in the next session of the Mass. Legislature.

Comrade Leon Varnum, PC from Lynn reported that anyone wishing to sign up for the Pilgrimage can still do so by contacting him.

December meeting to be held at Salem. January meeting to be at Worcester and February meeting at Fitchburg.

Correspondence read.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made and passed that the Mass. State Dept. sponsor a drawing for the benefit of the State Commander's expense fund. Drawing to be at the April 1953 meeting of the State Dept.

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Massachusetts State Dept. went on record unanimously endorsing the candidacy of Past State Dept. Commander Mike O'Connor for the office of National Commander for 1953-54.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m. Fine collation was served by the Beverly Chapter members.

BEVERLY

Commander: Norman L. Day
4 Southern Ave., Essex, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

On Monday evening Oct. 6th, the Beverly Chapter with members of their families held the October meeting as a dinner meeting at the Chop Sticks House, Wenham, Mass. We also had the pleasure of the company of Edwin W. Streeter, Dept. Commander and Edmond L. Trudell,

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and with them Mrs. Streeter and Mrs. Trudell. Such YDVA business as we had for the evening was laid aside and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, followed by a very pleasant social hour. It was doubly enjoyable because the host, Mr. King Y. Yee is a Yankee Division Veteran having served in Co. H., 101st Medical Regiment, in WW-II. He went all out to make it a pleasant evening and certainly did himself proud.

The November State Meeting is to be held at Beverly, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd and the Beverly Chapter is going to hold the meeting at Post 12, American Legion Home in Monument Sq.

Last Sunday, Norman Day and I attended the October state meeting at Haverhill, which proved to be a very interesting session. What we and others present would like to know, is, why do not more of the members of the Boston Chapter attend these meetings. Do they leave it all to the other Chapters to carry on, while they sit back?

All the Beverly Chapter members seem to be in good health at present, or at least, I hear no reports to the contrary. Those of F. Bty 101st F. A., are beginning to look forward to the Battery reunion on the last Saturday in October, which is ALWAYS a must night.

Well, so long boys, until F. Bty has their time and then the State meeting of November.

Thomas W. Wallace, *Secretary*

BOSTON

Commander: William F. Connors
24 Garner Road, Dorchester, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

We are glad to report that the dues for the year has been coming in very good. We have about 75% of last years members paid so far. How about those of you who are included in the 25% not paid, sending in your dues at once, as this is the last Doings you will receive until you do pay up.

The activities of the Club is increasing each month and by the time you receive this issue the Annual Military Ball will be another of the events on this year's calendar.

Joe Carroll, Commander of the 104th Vets Assoc. who has written this column for the past several months is seriously ill at the Veterans Hospital, South Huntington Ave., Boston.

Lt Col. Albert McWade who is on duty with the National Guard of New Hampshire is a frequent visitor at the Club.

Captain Barch Margolin former Captain, 101st Inf., WW-II, dropped in recently after returning to this country from service in Korea and Japan.

The Championship of cribbage has been changing hands frequently between 'Bear Bogle' 103rd and 'Top' Regan, the pride of Charlestown 104th. But we have a COP on the Beat who is almost ready to challenge both of them with all the practice he is getting.

FITCHBURG CHAPTER

Commander: Richard F. Robinson
46 Goddard St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Charles H. Audet
114 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Well fellars, the XMAS PARTY is on again with a tentative date of Saturday, December the 13th. You will get more news through the mails about the place and exact time to be held and the price. This is Ladies' night, so be good to the little woman and bring her along. Mike Deloge is still chairman of the affair with helping hands from Al Ruberti and B. Amastae, so this should be one of the best parties that they have ever put on.

The Fitchburg Chapter has 118 paid-up members and they are still rolling in but I would like to remind those who have not paid up their dues, that by the next meeting they will be dropped from the Yankee Doings mailing list according to word received from the National Secretary. As this chapter is one of the finest in the Country, it is not only an honor but a privilege to be one of its members. Your dues is your assurance that we will maintain the high quality in this association.

Our last meeting was held November 11, with 25 members present. The biggest discussion was held on the Ladies' Xmas Party with most members in favor of holding it on Saturday night with a dinner-dance plan. The chapter voted to donate $25 to the Burbank Hospital Fund. The nominations for the coming year were as follow: Commander, Arthur Robichaud; Senior Vice-Comm., Al Ruberti and Bill Kuriger; Junior Vice Comm., Alfred P. Provencial and Charlie Audet; Treasurer, Bob O'Brien; Secretary, Bill Sherrin; Chaplain, Mike Deloge, assisted by Al Ruberti.

As the nominations will be re-opened at the next meeting, it is very important that all members attend to cast their vote for the Officers for the coming year. Vic Bean won the uniform. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, so I hope to see you all there.

Charles H. Audet, *Secy.*

LOWELL

Commander: George J. Morse
34 Staples Street, Lowell, Mass.

Secretary: Joseph H. Lemire
Newgate Road, Granby, Conn.

Word has been received from Joe Lemire our Secretary-Treasurer, that he has deserted Lowell for the Nutmeg State. His address now is Newgate Road, Granby, Conn.

We are going to miss Joe as he has been the sparkplug of the Chapter and has much to do with keeping the

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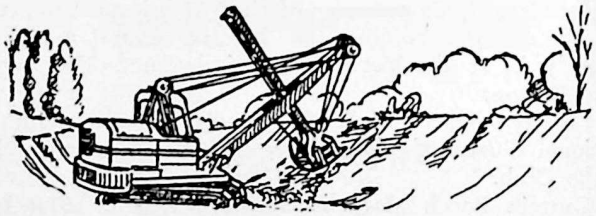

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Lowell Chapter on the map since the charter was granted. How about looking around for a good YD man here in Lowell to try and fill his place. It will be a hard job but there must be someone who will do the job like Joe did for years.

He has asked me to put something in for Cohen of Chicago: That he is retired from the Fire Department and is now employed with Insurance, also not fully decided to use his Canadian French on the YD Pilgrimage to France in May. Think it over, members of Lowell.

LYNN

Commander: Sheldon Goodwin
4 Curtis St., Saugus, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

34th Annual Armistice Banquet & Ball was a huge success. A big turn-out attended at the Oxford Club and enjoyed a full course Turkey Dinner, a fine memorial service, good entertainment and dancing. A large delegation was present from Nashua and Manchester and Rochester, N. H. Also Worcester and Salem.

Leon Varnum was general chairman and A. Raymond Doucette was Treasurer with Edmond Trudell as Secretary. Assisting were Walter Smith, Edwin Streeter, Thomas Curran, Leslie Pugh, George Walton, Charles Benway, Commander Sheldon Goodwin, S.V.C. Eustis Grimes, J.V.C. Charles Scanlon, Roy Knox, Claude Hoag, Robert Hurley, Leander Maes, Earl Bailey, Christian Schacht, Richard Hennessey, William Eddows, Lawrence Kelley, Patrick Cuffe and others. Principal Speaker was Colonel Sherman of Marine Corps. On Armistice Day we had a good turnout for the Parade and the Chapter led the 2nd Division with Saugus High School Band. After the parade a luncheon was served to the band and members at our quarters with Ed Trudell in charge. After the luncheon the members went to General Edwards Bridge and with appropriate ceremonies placed wreaths on the Revere and Lynn ends of bridge. Chaplain Walter Smith read the prayers with A. Raymond Doucette in charge of both Armistice Day activities.

Plans are now underway for our annual Christmas Party at Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, when on December 16th we will present the Y. D. Revue and present all Y. D. men at Hospital a gift. All our own members sick at home or in other Hospitals will be remembered. Ray Doucette is once again in charge and on his committee are Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Edwin Streeter, Leslie Pugh, Newton Courtney, Claude Hoag, Walter Smith, William Eddows, Harold Hobson, Edgar Walsh, James Campbell, Leon Varnum, George Walton, Joseph Sewell, Charles Burrill, Oliver Nichols, Robert Hurley, Richard Hennessey, Clarence Sewell, Edward Nicholson, Colonel John Pickett, Sheldon Goodwin, Charles Benway, Charles Balcom, Robert Quinn, Patrick Cuffe, Roy Knox, Earl Bailey, Edward Saulnier, Percy Paige, James Connolly, William Perry, Leonard Burnham, Stephen Torrey and others.

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SPRINGFIELD

Commander: William Accorsi
28 Saratoga St., Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Thomas Crokan
21 Home Street, Springfield, Mass.

The Chapter held a "Turkey Dinner" at the Club on Plainfield St., November the 10th and all who attended had a nice time. Sunday, November 9th the "Annual Exercises" were held at Apremont Monuments in Westfield. The Park has been regraded and reseeded and would have looked very nice if it rained, to bring the grass along. There was a nice crowd present and after the exercises about 50 of the group had dinner at the Yankee Pedlar. Following the dinner a good sized crowd went to the Soldiers' Home and visited for about an hour. Our own Chapter visited "Pop" Fales, De Franco, Spick Hall, P. C. Andy Birnie, Bill Ferrier and others we knew. The comrades were given smokes. The YD Auxiliary were Hosts for the day.

Father George S. L. Conner offered prayers at the Apremont Triangle, just east of the Hotel Kimbal on Armistice Day.

Our Commander, a WW-II veteran is chairman of the Home Show for the coming year. Tom Dee has been renamed House Chairman; P. C.'s Patch and Valentine and Sr. Vice Commander on the Investigating Committee, and J. A. John Hourihan has been appointed Chairman of the Memorial Day Luncheon which will be served after the Parade. P. C. Winkley is Chairman of the Past Commander's Dinner which will be held May 29th at the YD Home.

Our meetings are held every first and third Fridays at the Club on Round Hill on Plainfield St. Would like to ask every PAID-UP MEMBER TO TRY and reup some of the members who have not got around to paying this year's dues.

To all paid-up comrades, instead of sitting back and griping and find fallacies, just dig in and help those who are trying their best to please. If we all put our shoulder to the wheel and use as much energy in cooperation as we do otherwise our Chapter will benefit more than you think. Many hands will make light work, the atmosphere will be more pleasant and our Chapter will surge ahead financially as well as socially.

Yours, T. F. C.

WORCESTER

Commander: James R. Kane
37 Vernon St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Harold J. Esip
28 Northboro Rd., Worcester, Mass.

Not wishing to grab the lime light away from the national elections, the YD Club postponed their elections until this eve and came up with the following victors. May they serve their comrades as well in the future as they have in the past year. Most of these men are repeaters in office and have done an excellent

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job in the past twelve months. Many rumors have been floating about the wayside as to the operation and condidition of this club. Since the Yankee Doings is the mouth organ of this organization let us say this, take your rumors from whence they come. Is your informer a paid-up member? . . . When did your informer last attend a meeting? . . . Has your informer done anything constructive as to working on committees and lending a helping hand? . . . If answered honestly, these same hypocrites would have to say, "no, I really don't know what I'm talking about" . . . So let's get on with the electees . . . Harold 'Bud' Gould was elected as Treasurer and Harry Tripp the task as clerk. The following as directors: Bill Dunn, Major Edward S. Bird, Henry Russell, Harry E. Block, Harry Q. Tripp, Bud Gould and our good Commander Bert Kane . . . Our Past Commander, Maurice King appeared without his cane to spike all rumors that he was too old to attend meetings. He did a handspring for the benefit of Frank Shannon, but Frank was too interested in change that dropped to the floor and raced to the bar with the proceeds. Four men helped Maurice to his feet . . . Y.D.V.A. take note: those that attended this meeting had free beer, olives, sandwiches, tonic and smokes . . . a very large turnout attended this historic meeting. We say historic because we got so much for so little . . . George T. Sloan bought drinks for the house when a telegram arrived in the midst of the meeting informing him that he was a grand daddy for the fourth time . . . A bouncing baby boy hitting the scales at nine pounds, eight ounces . . . the kids will have a bang-up Xmas party this year and Commander Bert Kane has appointed Harry Block as chairman, assisted by Major Ed Bird, Gene Gilliam, Bill Dunn and Jack Morrissey. Let's help these men . . . all they ask is how many members are going to bring some kids. In the past all lips were zipped, but came the party and all relatives from here to the Zulu Islands attended, then someone squawked because their kid didn't get a Popcicle . . . Commander Kane has also announced the committee for the New Year's Party: Bud Gould, the old war horse, will act as chairman, assisted by Ed Craft, Cliff Mellan, Henry Contois and Don Demers. The following names are being placed at the bottom of the list, but their names should be inscribed in gold, as they form the female element of the working group that will assist these committees: Mrs. Gene Gilliam, Mrs. Ed Bird, Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Mrs. Ida Tripp, Mrs. Harold Gould and Mrs. Yvonne Grenier. Perhaps I should say the Chapter will assist these ladies as they have worked with all their might for the Chapter, running whist parties and assisting in many other tasks that they have been given little credit for . . . In closing, let me say, if any member who has his dues paid and doesn't receive a meeting card, let me know. If your dues are not paid notify the treasurer . . . Merry Xmas to all from us to you.

Hal Esip, *Adj.*

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: Paul J. Caravatt, 43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commander Caravatt at 3:45. After the opening prayer by P.N.C. Tom Porter, Cdr. Caravatt called up the comrades for seconds silence in honor of our comrades who have crossed the Big Divide.

Roll Call—Officers 9—Chapters 10

Sr. Vice Commander James Meigle reported a membership of 448. Commander Paul Caravatt also spoke on Membership.

Chaplain P.N.C. Tom Porter reported he visited John Goss and Frank Jones in Rocky Hill. Others reported ill are: John Richardson of Torrington in Rutland Heights, Mass., Bill Salladin sick at home, 153 Goodwin St., Bristol Conn., Fred Hersch at home, 158 Cedar Hill Ave., New Haven, Bill Bergin at Veterans Hospital, Kingsbridge Road, Brooklyn, N. Y., Ed Malone home at 772 Orange St., New Haven, and Pad Reidy at home, Atwater St., Derby, Conn. How about sending them a card to cheer them up!

Commander Caravatt then appointed Howard Titus, Chairman of the Who's Who Committee. Howard Titus reported there is a possibility that the advertising bill will be taken up by one party. Last year the chapters did not respond to his request for advertisements to pay for printing the book.

Secretary read a letter from Al Herman, Mr. Y. D., who was unable to attend the meeting as he had to go to Washington to attend Civil Defense School. A letter also read from Gardiner Hall requesting the Dept. of Conn. YDVA meeting in May.

Commander Caravatt introduced Guy Watts, the National Secretary, who checked up on membership. The list of members Guy Watts has in Boston is larger than my records, which shows that the Chapter Secretaries are not mailing the membership cards to the Dept. of Conn. Secretary, so please check your records and mail them in so I can keep my records clear.

Guy Watts, after a discussion regarding Chapter members receiving membership-at-large cards, moved that all members sending in to Boston for member-at-large cards, this shall be forwarded to the State Secretary to check and see if there is a chapter in their vicinity. This was carried. The By-Laws state that if there is a chapter in their vicinity, the comrade must join this chapter instead of receiving a member-at-large card.

Commander Caravatt then introduced P.N.C. Knocko McCormack who gave one of his "from the heart" talks.

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Commander Caravatt then introduced National Commander Peter Bourget who gave a very interesting talk on membership, also the Pilgrimage to France in May.

The December meeting of Dept. of Conn. YDVA will be held in the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 302 White Street, Hartford, Conn., Sunday, December 14th, 1952.

The ladies of Torrington Chapter served a very nice supper. H. Leroy Woodcock, *Secy.*

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Elmer F. Troland

102 Eastern Pky., Devon, Conn.

Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo

1928 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

The State committee meeting was held at Bridgeport, Sunday, October 12.

It was attended by a very good crowd of about 70 from eight Chapters. An interesting meeting was held and a great deal of business was taken care of. A full report will be sent in by the secretary. After the meeting, luncheon was served by the Ladies of Bridgeport which was the kind that they are always known for

Erick Erickson the Busy Bee of the Chapter is out after the old members and up to now has brought in a large number. Thanks to Erick the tireless worker of the Bridgeport Chapter.

Samuel B. Zolo

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Frank M. Lincoln

302 Nicoll St., New Haven, Conn.

Secretary: Albert E. Lindgren

209 Willard St., New Haven, Conn.

Now that Armistice Day with all it's activities is over and a good job having been done by the members of the Chapter we can sit back for a breather before we start on the work that is ahead of us for the Convention. Armistice Day was a very busy one for the boy's, starting at 10.00 A. M., with the service on the Green, and after that to the Timmy Ahearn memorial where the flag pole was dedicated and a wreath placed. P. C. Ed Coulombe is to be commended on the fine job he did as Chairman of the flag pole committee, as after several difficulties he secured a nice pole and got the job done on schedule. Several of the boy's helped out on this rush job, among them being our 1st Vice, Otto Weiler and of course our faithful honorary member "Dynamite" Al Carrocci. A rising vote of thanks is due all those members and friends who helped on this project. Several members whom we haven't seen for some time turned out for the dedication which was brief but impressive. A good number of the boy's (and ladies) went to "Three Stein Eddie's" for lunch and the champagne party which we have been told was the best in years.

In the evening at our social, certificates of merit were presented to "Dynamite" Al Jr., and Chester Karkut for the assistance they have given the chapter on many of their projects. Among the guests present were N.A.O. Jack Farquhar of New York who presented Carocci with his certificate and P.D.C. Tom Porter who presented the certificate to Chet Karkut.

Convention time is fast drawing near and Chairman Teta is hard at work on his job. A great deal has been done and he is now calling in the various Chairmen for conferences and will soon hold a meeting of all committee Chairmen and Members. A great deal more progress has been made and work done than is evident on the surface, so don't worry boy's, New Haven will have the best convention ever. Registration blanks will soon go out to all members of the Y.D.V.A. and we hope for a large number of reservations as the opinions in Gloucester seemed to be "count on me for '53" for the Convention in New Haven. Some of our tentative plans include a sheep bake and a Competition of some of the top Drum Corps. A Military Ball and other forms of Entertainment are also in the works for the pleasure and entertainment of all who register.

On our sick call this month we find that Comrade Bill Bergin is still confined to the hospital and that P.D.C. Fred Hirsch was released from the Hospital a short time ago after treatment to his legs but has now got to go back for an operation, the nature of which we do not know at this time. Drop these boy's a line and let them know you are thinking of them. Send your cards to P. O. Box 428, New Haven and we will see that they get them. Our best wishes go to Mrs. Frank Lincoln, the wife of our Commander, for a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

I am getting down to the bottom of the second sheet so I guess it's about time I quit so I'll say so long 'till next issue. A. E. L., *Secy.*

BRISTOL
MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: George C. Graham

22 High St., Bristol, Conn.

Secretary: Will N. Salladin

153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Mont Sec Chapter held its November meeting at the YD Camp in Plainville, Saturday night, November 15th. It was our Armistice night dinner to 67 members and their wives. They had a swell steak dinner. If you missed it, too bad. You should have paid your dues and come down.

I understand unless your dues are paid this is the last issue of Doings you will receive. Why don't you few who haven't reuped do so and keep on getting Doings. Your Secretary has been sick for about 3 weeks — something in my right arm. It's still hard to write, so guess I'll close this up—more next time.

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As of this date, Nov. 22, there are 34 re-ups all old members, no new ones. A few tardy ones are expected to pay up shortly, bringing us up to last year's 44.

A letter from former PCC Charlie Mass who now resides in Florida was read and all hands were pleased to hear from him. All send their warmest regards to you Charles. Dr. Keating's son Stewart, a T/S is now in Munich, Germany with his family.

PCC Nelson Wraight has recently moved into his new home, New London Turnpike. Best wishes to you Nelson and Mary. (PS: How about a house-warming). I guarantee this to be a sell-out Nelson.

Past Commander's Night isn't what it used to be. Our last one last month was very poorly attended. However, we few who did , had a nice time. Next year let's go back to having this among ourselves. Attendance may be better.

December 13, the Annual Christmas Party takes place in Yantic at Maple Shade Inn. A steak dinner at $3 per head. This will be a nice affair with about 30 in attendance.

Our good friend Dave Semel was back on vacation from California. Took in our last meeting. It was nice to see you, Dave. Also that little side visit we had was great. The bottle with the pretty ribbon on it, well, it's still handsome Dave, and the contents was—well let's drop it. Good luck to you and Evelyn and that YD Baby Girl.

Clowater in Putnam and Rainville in Danielson—we think about you men and wonder how you fellows are. Drop us a line or take AWOL and pay us a visit. Also what has happened to our old worker, Ed Vallancourt. How about getting around once in a while Ed. Don't forget us. The writer takes this opportunity to wish all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

G. H. Hall

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Commander: Enoch Lyman, RFD 3, Montpelier, Vermont

RUTLAND CHAPTER

Commander: Charles J. Gleason
Box 118, Cavendish, Vermont

Secretary: Harold E. Stoddard
41 High St., Ludlow, Vt.

Charles J. Gleason of Cavendish was elected Commander of the Rutland Chapter to succeed George Richardson, who died suddenly last August, at the A. L. Hqrs., Ludlow, November 10th.

William Dinn of Cuttingsville was elected Vice-Commander, Harold Stoddard of Ludlow, Secretary and John Strong of Bellows Falls, Treasurer.

The Chapter meeting will be held in Belmont the first week of December at the Odd Fellows Hall with a supper in charge of E. L. Devereau. Entertainment is planned and a pleasant meeting is assured.

Harold E. Stoddard, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: Harold S. Fallon, 97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: George Baker, 6 Holman St., Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Charles Weaver
890 Valley St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: John J. Loxton
R. F. D. No. 2, Manchester, N. H.

Regular meeting of Manchester Chapter Y.D.V.A. was held at the usual time and place on Nov. 12. Commander Weaver wishes we could get out bigger crowds to the meetings. We had a fair crowd but not as many as is to be expected from as large a membership as ours.

Comrade Fallon reported on work done at the V. A. Hospital. Temporarily, no more work can be done there and we are all burned up about it. Hope by Christmas we can continue our work on the program.

A vote of thanks was given Commander Weaver for his splendid work on the rummage sale. He sure did work hard to make it such a success.

Next meeting we join the Auxiliary for our Xmas party. A good time will be had by all. Don't miss it.

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KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Ralph Bodette
50 Van Buren St., Lakewood, R. I.

Secretary: James Dyson
32 Whitin Ave., Lakewood, R. I.

The regular meeting of Kent County Chapter was held on Saturday, Nov. 8, followed by whist. The meeting was called to order by Commander Bodette. Under new business a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Chapter draw from the fund, the sum of $25.00 for a Christmas Party, to be held Saturday, December 13th. It was also voted that we take part in the Memorial Services to be held, Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Manton, R. I. Meeting adjourned at 8:30, followed by ten tables of whist, which was a financial success.

We were pleased to see Past State Dept. Commander Frank Wardsworth and his wife from Westerly. Well Comrades, Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner and Kent County wishes all from the National Commander down to all the Chapters a very pleasant holiday season. As for members, make a New Year's resolution to attend all meetings of the Chapter next year. President Abe Lincoln once said "United we stand, divided we fall". Think it over fellows, keep the YD Alive. See you on the 13th.

James Dyson, *Sec.-Treas.*

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

Commander: Leo L. Bottari
75 Mt. Vernon Blvd., Pawtucket, R. I.

Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Well here we are again, time for another news item in "Doings." With our magazine now coming out every other month for a while it is going to be hard to keep current news before you, but I'll try my best anyway.

Our trial change in meeting nights and meeting place has met with considerable success. First of all it has resulted in getting a few more out to meetings and we hope that as the rest of the members read of the good times we have they will come out too. At the October meeting Providence Chapter, YDVA, voted to change its meeting night from Wednesday to Monday. We now meet the first Monday of each month. Secondly we have a swell place to meet and be by ourselves and the management goes all out in putting up a variety of sandwiches, french fried potatoes, pickles and all the coffee we want. Where is this place? Well none other than The Driftwood Restaurant, 2195 Broad St., Pawtuxet, R. I. To all paid up members of Providence Chapter who attend our meetings these feeds will probably be free. What more can you ask.

Our membership is slowly building up but there are still many who are in arrears. Jr. Vice Commander Arthur Hanson is getting ready to organize a few teams to go out after these delinquents. Remember this too—after December 31, 1952 if you are not paid up—NO MORE "DOINGS" will be sent you. Isn't the magazine alone worth the price of your membership? How about sending in your dues NOW. Send $4.00 to the Secretary, Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I., and you will promptly receive a paid up membership card to July 1, 1953.

At our November meeting we had a few more out. We heard plans for the annual Memorial Service to our departed comrades to be held on Sunday, November 9th at 11:00 A. M., at St. Thomas Church in Manton, R. I. We have been doing quite well of late and it behooves each and every one of us that possibly can, to turn out. After the service refreshments are to be served at the home of P. C. Fred Grandchamp.

We were also reminded of our duty to turn out for the annual Armistice day parade on Nov. 11. In years past the Yankee Division has captured the cup for having the most in line. Can we do it this year? We will see after the smoke and fire has died down.

Always a supporter of worthwhile civic projects when asked to do so, Providence Chapter made it's usual contribution to the Red Feather drive (R. I. Community Fund). We received the usual red feather and contributing member card.

Our sick comrades are nearly all on the road to recovery, I guess because all your scribe could find out was that comrade Bill McAllister is well on the road to recovery and is expected to be discharged from the Veterans Hospital at Davis Park within a week. Comrade P. C. Whitman is in the Vet's Hospital having been operated on for a chronic appendix. His condition has been reported as good as possible. Yours truly is out of the hospital after having undergone a serious abdominal operation, which fortunately, turned out quite successful. I feel like a new man. After a few weeks to recuperate and gain a little weight and strength I shall be back in harness again.

PNC Larry Cook, at the November meeting, gave us a run down on the progress of the trip to France by the YD in 1953. As General Chairman of this all important affair he is in a position to know. So far the response has been quite gratifying. More than sixty have paid in the initial deposit of $25.00 to reserve accommodations for the trip. There probably will be a few more stragglers but the dead line has passed for making reservations. There has been a change in the sailing date too. Now the party leaves New York on May 29th aboard the S. S. Flandre

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GREETINGS

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To All YD Men and Families
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

GHH, PDC

and will return on June 19th aboard the S. S. Liberte. It should be a swell trip for all those who can take the time and have the necessary "Green Stuff" to cover the cost of the trip.

The following Ways & Means committee has been appointed by Commander Bottari to serve the Chapter for this year: P. C.'s Kelly, Kittredge, Murray, Vickery, Mara, Bresette, Davidson, Grandchamp and Dunn. Sr. V. Cmdr. Story; Jr. V. Comm. Arthur Hanson and Chaplain Cannao. Comrades Frank McCaffery and Joe Geary and last but not least our good comrade PNC. Larry Cook. Here's hoping that they come up with something good for us.

Howard W. Hunt, *Secy-Treas.*

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At our Memorial Service to our Departed Comrades on Sunday, November 9th we had more than fifty members and friends present. The services were held at St. Thomas Church in Manton, R. I. at 11:00 A. M. It was a fair showing but we should have had at least 150 out. After the services we went to the home of P. C. Fred Grandchamp where the Chapter was host to those who came to the services. A very nice collation was served to all.

The Armistice Day parade was rather a sorry affair as far as the YD was concerned. We only had about 25 out. However we did not bring up the rear as we have done in years past. Thanks to our P. C. Dave Davidson we were right up in the second division. To top it off too our good ole' Colonel suh, Guy Kittredge was on the reviewing stand to review the parade.

After the parade sixteen members of Providence Chapter and twelve members of Kent County Chapter went down to the Driftwood Restaurant. We had a good meal and a real old fashioned get-together. All in all it was a swell time. Guy Kittredge proposed that we make this an annual affair, so sticking his chin out, he was stuck with the Chairmanship of such a committee. P. C. Bill Bresette had all stand up for thirty seconds silence in memory of our own departed comrades who could not be with us.

Another happy sequence to the Armistice Day get-together was that our good friend and comrade Roy Simpson and his wife celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary with us. Felicitations were extended and toasts drunk to the happy couple and we sure wish them lots of good luck and many more anniversaries together.

Let me remind you all once again that by vote of the National Executive Committee those YD men who have not paid their dues by December 31, 1952, will not receive any further copies of "Yankee Doings." Now fellas, isn't your association with such illustrious division worth your continuing your membership in the YDVA? Certainly it is. Now there are a number of you who have not paid up, you know who you are without having us go to the expense of sending you further duns. Get busy and send in your dues NOW to the Secretary, Howard W Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I. Keep paid up in the best Divisional Organization in existence today. All it costs is $4.00 and, if you can spare it, a small contribution to our flower fund. Leo L. Bottari, *Commander.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

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Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr., 1017 So. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Penn.

NEW YORK

Commander—Michael S. Justynowicz
108 N. 8th St., Booklyn 11, N. Y.

Secretary: Edmund C. Polakowski
30 East 42nd St., Room 1701, New York 17, N. Y.

On February 21st, 1953 the New York Chapter will hold its Annual Installation Dinner and Party. Those who desire room reservations at special rates should get in touch with Jack Farquhar immediately as only 20 rooms (double) at special rates will be available.

When making your reservations please write, Jack Farquhar, c/o Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd St., New York (18), N. Y. See you soon.

Ed Polakowski, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

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Commander: John Matthews, Jr.
3031 Hillger St., Detroit 14, Mich.

Secretary: Palmer Werner
7638 12th, Detroit 6, Mich.

Our November get-together was November 7 and instead of our usual card games we had movies and of course the usual cheese, crackers and beer. We were mulling over the idea of our regular Christmas Party for early in December. Several of the fellows are not getting their YD Doings. Among them are Dolan and Howath. Our old comrade Bob Faulkner is back in town and out of the Army.

Yours in YD,

Palmer Werner, *Secy.-Treas.*

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As usual the Ohio Chapter is running in high gear. The meetings are well attended and there is a never ending discussion of veteran events that are vital to the chapter's existence and well being. The Commander and other Officers are very much on the job and this year will end up as all of the others have: in top notch condition.

A couple of important recommendations have met with the approval of the body. First: Our election of officers will occur at the first meeting in September and the new officers will take over at the First meeting in October. Second: Meeting place has been changed from the Allerton Hotel to the Home of the Disabled American Veterans which is located at the corner of E. 79th Street and Chester Ave. The reason for this change is an act of economy. Details were worked out by our Chaplain, Ted Gonsalves who has been Chaplain of the DAV for eleven years.

The Chapter will hold a Christmas and New Year's Party at the DAV Home the night of December 27th. Details for this are being worked out by the Commander in conjunction with the Auxiliary. Of course the Auxiliary is supposed to decorate the tree, furnish the eats, provide the gifts and see that the men get home safely.

Yours as always,

Fred Flahavan, *Adjt.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: William Baltin, 1461 S. Holt Ave., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

DENVER

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Commander: John D. Hull

517 Magnolia St., Denver, Colo.

Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter

1559 Logan St., Denver 3, Colorado

After our October meeting, we went down to the Cosmopolitan Hotel to look up some of the YD high brass who were in attendance at a National Guard Officers convention, being held here. We waited for an hour and then when they failed to put in their appearance, we called it off. I was in receipt of a note signed "Whittemore 101 F. A."—also in attendance at the convention—told the folks that he had served overseas with me in WW-I, can't place him—would surely liked to have seen him.

Tom Johancen, present at the meeting, informed us that he was back in Baltimore and Washington on vacation in July. Very hot there and he was glad to get back to Colorado. Thanks for the $2.50 for dues Tom. John Hull, while back in Washington in September saw Gregory Smernoff (Whiskers) a former member of (Co G, 104th Inf., WW-II). Ray Loeb is enjoying his new apartment.

Harry Goedelmann, no longer on the night shift, is going to try and get out a little oftener. Murray was present—no news item. Guess we'll have to wait till he dances a jig down at Duffy's on St. Patrick's Day again. Charles Ellis and Vetter were in the hospital recently. Preston is home again, after spending two years as Lieut. Colonel up in Minneapolis. He has resumed his law practice. It should be right interesting, at our next meeting, to hear that noble Democrat's explanation of how the roof happened to fall in on them on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.

I missed out on the November meeting — doctor's orders. Would surely liked to have been there and have heard Homer Preston's explanations of what happened to the Democrats on Nov. 4th. He is with us again after an absence of two years and has again resumed his law practice in Denver. Joseph Sanford, 101st Reg. A Company WW-II was out for the first time. Limes and Commander Hull both of "G" Co. 104th Infantry were present. Limes announced that he is now in the real estate business. Murray was present. We are in receipt of a card from Harry Hubbart from down in old Mexico. He writes as if he might be present at our December meeting.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Desert Chapter

Commander: Paul Walsh

Veterans Administration Regional Office

Phoenix, Arizona

Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook

1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

Greetings again from the Valley of the Sun and Phoenix, the city that is expanding so rapidly that it will soon rival the best of the sun drenched Winter Resorts. At this writing the Arizona State Fair is in progress with all its color and pageantry. Winter visitors are choking all the hotels, motels and trailer camps. The population increase is tremendous and many will like it so well they will plan to stay. Cotton is ready for the pickers and the cotton gins, — a record crop. Citrus is ripening and the leaves are beginning to fall. The new winter lawns are a velvet green carpet and soon the desert plants will show results from the few and far between rains making a panorama of beauty and color. Yes, everything is just about perfect and we shudder when we read about the snow and cold winds in the north. Anybody need a slightly used overcoat, umbrella and galoches?

Chapter activities are just about nil, although we meet each other from time to time in the course of a business day. As stated before each one of us has so many extra

things to do besides our regular days work that with only a few to call upon we just can't arrange a time agreeable to all for a get-together. Tomorrow is Armistice Day and some of us will see each other in the course of the day. Our former comrade Major Jim Duane is the only one at present whom we can honor on this day, but as the police action goes on in Korea, Arizona has cause to remember 195 boys who have made the supreme sacrifice. Let us hope that a military minded President will come up with a quick solution to this regrettable affair.

Seems to the writer that the new National Commander has come up with some pertinent facts on why we are not making both ends meet. It is a foregone conclusion that one cannot operate a 1953 program on a 1942 income. For years we had a monthly issue of Yankee Doings but this year so far we have had four combined issues even with the help of advertising which as everyone knows has a negative advertising value. I think that all who are members of other organizations and pay larger amounts for dues must realize that we cannot continue to exist on dues such as we pay and still print the only medium we have for contact—"Yankee Doings", and I reiterate again that a raise in dues is about the only sensible solution. That "We never had it so good" phrase doesn't seem to work for us. I can't afford to go to France on the pilgrimage but I can and am willing to pay any additional dues the budget committee may decide on. Whatever you do,—don't EVER STOP printing "Doings".

Dinny O'Holbrook

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

National President: Helen Rea, 306 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, Mass.

National Secretary: Minnie Gilliam, 29 Dellwood Rd., Worcester, Mass.

First of all, may we wish all the YDVA Chapters and Auxiliaries a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

If all our members will make a resolution to try and attend the YDVA meetings through the year 1953, I can assure you it will be hours well spent. Not only is it wonderful to work together in our hospital work, but the meeting and talking with the other members is one way to create unity in our outfit.

At the November 16th National meeting in New Haven, Conn., the attendance was wonderful, due to the fact that National and the Auxiliary met at the same place. (Conn., Mass., New Hampshire and Rhode Island were represented).

I do wish that all National meetings could be held this way, as it would help us both to enjoy larger gatherings at these meetings. (If the men want it this way, we will go along with them.)

During our meeting a motion was made and seconded that we donate $25.00 for the "Memorial Chapel Fund" towards the construction of a non-denominational memorial chapel at the V. A. Hospital, Northampton, Mass.

In case some readers do not know about this fund, may I tell you that "Mike" O'Connor, P.D.C. of Mass., 60 Maple St., Florence, Mass., is the chairman of this fund; should you care to help in this worthy cause, you may do so by purchasing a "BRICK" for $1.00, and sending the money to "Mike".

The TESTIMONIAL DINNER given to our Past. Nat. Aux. President Betty Fallon, at the Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, New Hampshire, last November 8th, was a wonderful party . . . I am sorry for the folks who could not be with us; you missed a lot of fun.

We will not hold a meeting during December due to the many Christmas Hospital parties, and also the children's parties, but will get together again in January, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
Minnie Gilliam,
Nat. Aux. YDVA Sec'y.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Loretta Huntley
980 State St., Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Mrs. Louise Thibault
16½ Chase St., Salem, Mass.

The last regular meeting of the Department of Mass., YD Auxiliary was held at Beverly on Nov. 2nd with a large attendance. Keep up the good work girls and make our Auxiliary a bigger and better one.

The girls in the Dept. are doing some great work at the different Hospitals in Mass., and we would like to have our YD Comrades in the various Chapters attend our Hospital parties and see what the girls are doing and how our money is spent, making our boys who are shut in happier and make their cares a little lighter.

Helen Rea, *Dept. Secy.*

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State Dept. Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary held a Coffee Hour Party at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, Holyoke, Mass., Sunday, November 9th, 1952.

Paul Martel, Commandant of the hospital, also a Y.D. man welcomed the patients and guests to the Hour, he also spoke on the work of the Y. D. Auxiliary.

After the Coffee Hour, Paul escorted the guests on a tour of the hospital that everyone enjoyed.

Birthday cakes were presented to John Helm by Major Bird, Past Commander 104th Veterans Association.

Myles McDonough by State Dept. Commander Edwin Streeter.

Herbert Warner by the Past National Historian Grace O'Connor who did a wonderful job in taking over this party for the day, as our hospital chairman could not be there. (Doctor's orders).

Our State Dept. President Catherine Reimer visited the bed patients in the different Wards and presented them with goodies.

Among those present were members of the 104th Veterans Association who were attending the Memorial Services at Apremont Park, Westfield, Mass.

The State Dept. Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary wishes to thank Commandant Martel. Adjutant John Donahue and staff for their kind co-operation.

Hope we can all get together at the hospital soon again and help cheer up the boys.

Mary Butler,
Hospital Chairman
Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary

WORCESTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Minnie J. Gilliam
29 Dellwood Rd., Worcester

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 W. Main St., Northboro, Mass.

On Halloween night we had a very successful Military Whist Party with Alice Kessler, Chairlady. For this Party Mrs. Kessler, received two sets of silver earrings and bracelets from George Lyons who made them at Rutland V. A. Hospital, where he is a patient. They were used for prizes at the Whist Party. On Nov. 10th, several members attended the Memorial Services for the 104th Infantry at Westfield and later in the day went to the Holyoke V. A. Hospital and assisted our State Dept. in putting on a Hospital Party. After the party our members placed on the altar some flowers that were donated by Mrs. Orrin Hollenback in memory of her son Vernon who passed away last month. On Nov. 16, our President, Secretary and Treasurer attended the National meeting in New Haven. We are now looking forward to our Xmas Parties, one for the Auxiliary and the other, the Annual Children's Party put on by our Chaplain with assistance by the Auxiliary.

Mary T. Boyd, *Secy.*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF PHILADELPHIA

President: Dorothy Raver
2439 Ardsley Avenue, Glenside, Pa.

Secretary: Mrs. A. Ward Hinds
218 Haddon Hills, Haddonfield, N. J.

Hello to all, from the Philadelphia Auxiliary!

With the holiday season approaching rapidly we are really "on our toes" doing our best with Christmas wrappings and cards (hope the boys are doing their share too!), and, talking over the plans for our Christmas Party which is to be held at Chick's Dug-Out. Too, Dorothy Raver, Chairman of our hospital work, is investigating hospital activities we might undertake during the Christmas season. This is really a worthy effort.

President Jane Brown reported receiving our Charter from National. We appreciate this very much—thank you.

The benefit spaghetti dinner held at the LaRosa Company was acclaimed a delicious success by all who attended.

Congratulations are in order for Betty and Jim Corrigan on their new arrival. The name? James Jr.—what else?

Everyone will be interested to know that "Boston" Bill and Peg Kelly's son is now on the way to complete recovery after being wounded in Korea. Every good wish, from all of us!

Our Auxiliary is progressing nicely. But, with more active participation we could naturally build stronger bonds between us — and in times like these (of course, not war—*just* a Korean situation) they are really a necessity. Let's try to make this year one for all-out attendance!

Mabel Hinds, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Eva Brown
747 Hanover St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Mrs. Betty Fallon
97 Prospect Street, Manchester, N. H.

Our September meeting was held at the American Legion Post No. 79 home in Manchester, N. H. Our Dept. Pres., Eva Brown presented us our charter which she received at the Convention. Our Jr. Vice Adella Chesson conducted a penny sale after the meeting. It helped increase our funds and furnished fun for all. Archie Vigneault took most of the loot home. Lunch was served by the Manchester Auxiliary.

For our October meeting we followed the Dept. members to Lebanan, N. H. to hold our meeting in the American Legion home. Lebanon has an active chapter but not an Auxiliary. Our Dept. Pres. invited the ladies from Lebanon to attend the meeting. Past Dept. Pres. Ellowean Anderson and Dept. Pres. Eva Brown talked to the group about forming an Auxiliary and received a lot of enthusiasm. We hope they will join us for the good of the Y.D.V.A. The hostesses served a delicious lunch.

The Dept. of N. H., YDVA Auxiliary extends Holiday Greetings to you all. May your holiday season be a happy one!

Betty Fallon, *Dept. Secy.*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF MANCHESTER

President: Mrs. Edna Blidberg
78 Mitchell St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Mrs. Eula Loxton
R. F. D. 2, Manchester, N. H.

We've all been pretty busy this Fall—had a grand time at the Past Commander's Banquet at the Rice Varick; and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended the recep-

tion for the Past National President, our own Betty Fallon. To be sure the hall was a bit cold but every one had a lot of fun.

Both our October and November meetings were well attended and we had names of three new members brought in. Lena is doing a good job at collecting the dues and already we have more than half of our 1953 dues in.

The boys held a rummage sale in West Manchester this Fall and Malena Byron and President Edna Blidberg spent the whole day helping out. Guess they made pretty good on the sale.

We are planning now for the Christmas party at our December meeting. Gifts will be exchanged and refreshments served. Here's wishing a pleasant holiday to every one.

Eula Loxton, *Secy.*

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Sept. 24, 1952 news

Preceding our first meeting of the fall, we held a covered dish supper at the Portsmouth Community Center. Everything was perfect, thanks to our refreshment committee, Past President Mildred Hillman and Bertha Huntress. All of our officers were present, excepting our Sgt.-at-Arms Mable Ross, who was ill.

We are happy to state that we accepted an application of a new member.

Several of our ladies and the Chapter went to Biddeford, Maine, to present the Vacationland Drum & Bugle Corps with a Trophy for twice winning first prize money in YD parades.

Our New Hampshire State Dept. Comdr Harold Fallon had the honor of presenting the Trophy to Pres. Grenier of the Corps. Past National President, Betty Fallon was recipient of a lovely corsage of red and white glads.

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October 15 the Auxiliary entertained the patients of the Portsmouth Naval Base with Beano. We have had three Paper Parties and have been successful enough to get a coffee urn.

December 5th we are having an open meeting with the Chapter and invited guests. The object: the Chapter is presenting our Auxiliary with flags.

December 18, 1952 we are visiting the Naval Base Hospital. The Auxiliary have a fine entertainment of dancers and singers engaged for that night.

—Evelyn L. York, *Secretary*

COMPANY 'C' 104th INFANTRY WW I

On Friday evening, October 17, some of the old timers of Co C got together at the YD Club of Boston. Ned Hornibrook who is living at Atlanta, Georgia was with us. Granfors, Harold Nute and Roland Cook came down from Worcester. Earl Brown came from Brockton. Ralph Parrott dropped in after his shift at the Post Office. Wes Ross who we have not seen for years came in late. Bill Price and Gordon Boyd came in from Medford. Norm Howes decided to take a night out and showed up. Al LaBrack was there and Bill Mahoney came over from Somerville, but did not bring his brother, Tom. George Croteau (Barron) never misses a time. Claude Elliott is one of the faithful.

Al Bennett and I were the other two and we were sorry that there were not more present. We had quite a gadfest, talking over old times and decided to have another in Worcester on Saturday, March 7th. Rollie Cook is collecting five bucks for that party and we will have a dinner and entertainment. Notices will be sent out at least a month in advance. We hope that we will have a good turnout for that party. Met Al Monemy after the time and he would have been there if he had received a notice. We had several letters returned and if anyone knows the address of the following would they send them to me. Frank Jones, Louis Lafon, Bill Bradford, Ed Brault. See you March 7th, I hope.

Guy Watts

CAPERS OF "C", 101st ENG. WW I

The 33rd annual "C" Co. Engrs. summer reunion on Sept. 6 and 7, at the Seaside House in Old Orchard, Maine, was well attended, with several additional comrades we have not seen in years.

Underwood, Tony Brackett and Eben Clough with Cahoon constituted the reception committee and had the table set up for "afternoon tea." Bill Coburn arrived in time via pullman, and Booker, Heald, DelGrosso and Bill Munroe set up the chairs.

By this time several of the local Maine Boys had answered roll call namely, Whitten of the Portsmouth Navy, Lunt, Kilpatrick and Booth who has hardly ever missed this reunion also our Boston get-together. Bill Ross looking dapper as ever hurried in from Portland and with Goodwin and Clough harmonized with several old songs. The party was complete when Oscar Stuart, Grand Deputy

of Cundy's Harbor, and Archie Labranche met up with each other. Harry Porter and Storer worked up the "tax situation" with Perry Maddocks the "taxidermist," and Bang's assistance. "Chuckie" Churchill and Gordon showed the Old Maine spirit by attending. Lyman and Lindell, who as usual never miss, and the arrival of Tom O'Hara was most enjoyable.

The Sunday dinner had its serious moments of respect for the comrades who have passed on this year: Norman Bryden, Norman Carter, Roger Binner, and Towle.

Donations were received from Goodwin, Jordan, Fleischner, Ballard, Bigelow, Hyman and Booth.

Expect a large turnout to our Annual January meeting at YD Clubhouse, Boston.

Harold Heald, *Secy.*

"C" COMPANY 101st INFANTRY

Greetings: Heard from Paul Ranger and Jerry Piscitelli —the Ceramic Biz is tres bien and right now they are chasing deer in the wilds of Pittsburg. Saw "George" Devine in Boston a few weeks ago, looks in the pink and smiling as usual. Tony Iagulli and his Mrs. recently returned from a trip to Nassau. His big brother Angelo, M/Sgt., now putting recruits through the paces in Japan. Jim Duffey, wife and daughter "Pat" waiting till Dec. 1st rolls around so they can occupy their new home in Auburndale.

Jim's golf game is hitting around the low seventys—look out, we may have another "Jones". Eddie "Slivers" Connors and Andy Duncan helping C Company in getting organized. Patrolman "Charlie" Duffey and his bride of three months residing at Newton Centre.

Dan "Penny" Hoar, *Secy.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Word has been received that Major Richard I. Paul was married in July and is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

FRONT COVER

Do you remember this picture of the Company 'A', 328th Infantry Softball team of 1944. The team won the Softball Championship of not only the Battalion, Regiment and Division, but went on to take the Fort Jackson, South Carolina Camp Championship of 1944. They did it the hard way also. Dropped the first game of a two out of three game final playoff, but came back and won the next two. The Team received Wallets from the Division Commander, Major General Willard S. Paul. 'How's your Memory?' A list of the names will be printed in the next issue of Doings.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to those members confined in Hospitals at this time. Ted Kent at the Bronx Hospital. Joe Carroll, Neil Shand and the others at the new hospital at Jamaica Plain. Mark King, Bill Hamilton, and others at Chelsea. All the members at Bedford, Rutland, Holyoke, Northampton and every hospital in the country.

Frank White, *Hospital Chairman*

BUTTON SAVERS

Collecting Old and New Campaign Buttons and all kinds of pin back buttons of the different States, etc. Kindly send to an old Cannoneer of WW I, Charles B. Bishop, 651 Warwick Avenue, Lakewood, (5), R. I., c/o Old Vets Paradise.

YD PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Since the last issue of Doings there has been a change of sailing date for the Pilgrimage. It has been changed from May 9th to May 19th and that will mean ten days difference in the return sailing. On account of the change of dates it has caused a few cancellations. Now these cancellations are available to the YD party and are being held for us for a short time. We have almost a hundred reservations now and are almost sure it will be up to that total before the final deadline.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

JOSEPH SULLIVAN, a member of Lynn Chapter who served with Battery E 101 F. A., WW-I passed away in October and was given a military funeral by Post 6, A. L. and the Y. D. "Joe" as we knew him lost a leg at Chateau Thierry and his closest and kindest friend was James Connolly.

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JAMES J. McGOVERN, formerly with the Machine Gun Co., 101 Inf., WW-I, died October 25, 1952.

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GEORGE H. DOWNEY, formerly of Battery 'A', 103 F. A., WW-I, died during November, 1952. He was a member of the Providence Chapter.

HARRY BITOMSKI, died August 29, 1952 at the Veterans Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Mass. He was formerly with D Co, 101 Eng., WW-I, and a member of the YD Club of Boston.

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ONESIME MARCIL, formerly of Battery 'A', 103 F. A., WW-I, died recently. He was a member of the Pawtucket Chapter YDVA.

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ELMER H. LINDIE, formerly of Co 'F', 103 Inf., WW-I, died August 29, 1952. He received the D.S.C. at Bois-de-St. Remy on Sept. 12, 1918. Death occurred at the Togus, Me., Veterans' Hospital.

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